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The Saucer Bandwagon

by Cora Lorenzen

Dramatically entitled "I Rode a Flying Saucer", an article in the May, 1953 ACTION magazine is a startling disclosure, if true. Briefly, it is the detailed account of Fred Reagan's experience when a saucer damaged his plane and caused it to crash. According to him, the saucer took him aboard before he struck the ground, and creatures resembling 'huge stalks of metallic asparagus' examined him and cured him of cancer, the presence of which he was unaware. Then he tells of blacking out and being found near the wreckage of his plane, unhurt. This cryptic editor's note was added at the end of the story: The following newspaper clipping recently came to our attention: SAUCER PASSENGER DIES Atlanta, May 16. Fred Reagan, who made headlines last year when he claimed he had been a visitor aboard a flying saucer, died today in the State Asylum for the insane. Cause of death was determined to be degeneration of brain tissue due to extreme atomic radiation. Authorities are unable to offer an explanation. (Editor's Note: We've sent for the source of the clipping, also the name of the place where this incident took place. When this information is received, it will be included in the current bulletin.)

The first U. S. publication to carry the Rio saucer pictures is LIFE for March, 1953, as far as we have been able to ascertain. The pictures, accompanied by a few lines of comment on the episode carried nothing new in way of details of the incident.

A press release which was carried by most of the major newspapers in the country emanated from Boise, Idaho on August 8th, during the last saucer epidemic. The sum of the release was that Kenneth Arnold, much-touted 'discoverer of saucers' believes that the saucers themselves are actually living creatures which inhabit the upper atmosphere. He also states that such beings are 'perfectly described by the prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament.' (Ed. note: Read first chapter of Ezekiel yourself, and if you can make any sense of it good for you. Our opinion is that

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RESPECTED STOREKEEPER SCORES HIT

ON SAUCER HOVERING AT 75 FEET!

We're proud to announce that we have finally gotten the facts and figures on the newest rash of saucer sightings and attempted landings in South Carolina. Right now, we'll ask you mechanically inclined individuals to get out your tools and take a try at a scale model of the S.C. saucer seen by Lloyd C. Booth of Conway, South Carolina.

Here are the facts as Booth related them to reporters for the Columbia State daily of Columbia, South Carolina.

Out of the scramble caused by the furor the following facts are apparent: South Carolina has had a record number of strange sky objects reported since Harry County merchant Lloyd C. Booth said he scored a hit on a saucer with a .22 pistol on January 29th.

Most of the reports came from the 'low' country, particularly Harry County, and fewer have come from the Piedmont.

The objects have shown up in almost every lower state county.

The objects are seen by more and more individuals at a time and many trained observers have reported seeing the lights.

According to the STATE, the saucers are more rampant on the same nights when meteors flash across the sky. Also, many intelligent people, continues the STATE, who have (got this) made thorough investigations debunk the 'saucer.'

But back to the story. At 11:15 on the evening of January 29, Booth came home from his little general store and hearing the stock milling about in his barn, he went out and investigated. He found nothing amiss, but while in the barn detected a high-pitched hum which seemed to come from outside. He proceeded outside, and spotted an odd-shaped object hovering over the barn. It started moving toward the woods a few hundred feet away, so slowly that he could easily follow at a rapid walk.

Booth said that he walked along and followed it. His description of the object which he walked all around underneath for about twenty minutes is as follows: "It was only a few feet above the treetops, making a high-pitched humming. I saw the object very clearly while it hovered overhead. It was 24 feet

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THE EDITORIAL

In about two weeks (April 2nd, or be exact, old N. D. will celebrate her 28th birthday anniversary. We wish there was some way of letting the discs know that there would be no more wonderful gift as far as she is concerned, than to have one of them as guest in her backyard during the festivities.

We hear they have been landing in various parts of the world, and would like to comment that a nice birth on the two acre lot at 1350 Memorial Drive, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin leaves much to be desired, especially when previous landings have been on the arid deserts of the Southwest. Or so we are led to believe. WE have an orchard, too!

In the serious vein after that bit of capricious banter, unless the skeptics are right, and anyone who sees a saucer is either nuts or a congenital liar, queer things have been going on in South Carolina. There have been rumors to the effect that Des Vergers has been involved in hoaxes in the past, (they don't mention what kind of hoax) and therefore his word cannot be taken as truth in regard to his experience with a landed saucer last August. It's hardly possible that anyone is such an accomplished hoaxer, however, that they can simulate shock, and it's accompanying symptoms and appearances.

Now that there are several organizations dedicated to research on aerial phenomena, it would be quite fitting and proper for someone to organize a group dedicated to the preservation of, and vindication of character of saucer sighters. In other words: A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Saucer Sighters. Some may label

it as facetious, but what better effort could there be? Those who have suffered at the hands of the press and the general populace after reporting a sighting might recognize this as a way of retaining self respect and dignity. I know personally at least ten people who would think they deserved to be charter members.

When this Bulletin is in the mail old N. D. will go back to her torturous task of writing a book dealing with saucers and the great saucer puzzle. Although the epic will bring in some sightings that have not been exploited in a book before it will deal primarily with the trials and tribulations of a 'saucer fan' and his search for the truth. We believe it will be the kind of book that will bring a lot of new fans to the fold, for it will put the saucers before the public, and deal with facts. By facts, we mean what is actually known about the discs (which, unfortunately, is pitifully little) and the heretofore unpublicized evasive maneuvers of the AF and scientists in general. We have a collection of letters from various 'bigwigs' which will be very important material.

On March 12th, Lowell Thomas announced that astronomers at Mt. Palomar Observatory had spotted an asteroid in the Ursa Minor constellation which is plummeting through space in our general direction. According to Mr. Thomas, it was first discovered on a photographic plate of the 48 incher, and astronomers say it is moving at a very rapid rate. Keep your eyes and ears open for any more news on this interesting item, and send in anything you can get.

We'd like to apologize for the poor quality of the January 15th Bulletin---flu hit us here, too, and an inexperienced stencil cutter had to substitute for the usual cutter. We hope the members will note the great improvement this issue.

We still need more members. Although the members now on the roster are good and faithful workers, we could have much better coverage.

The fact that the U.S. Air Force released the details of the 8-inch disc that buzzed a jet over northern Japan last March must mean that they are stepping up their campaign to point out to the masses that there is a real mystery. In releasing that little gem they admitted that they, too, were puzzled. Think of it! An eight-inch disc which could not be piloted by anything much larger than a bee or an ant. The possibility of there being a control miles above is to be considered, however. Not even a Scully three-footer would fit!*N.D.

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Frederick Mehr of Santa Monica passes along this little gem which is, as he states, pure rumor with no facts to lend credence to it:

Rumor has it that various fliers who have departed from their lives on earth (by accident or other misfortune, we suppose) have been dropping notes on various airbases in Europe informing their friends and buddies that they are well and participating in the most unbelievable and wonderful mission possible.

Laimon Litris of Quebec writes that he hears that charges against Newton and his cohorts have been dropped and that he is a free agent again. Does anyone have any further and concrete information about this?

The following tidbits were forwarded by H. B. Miller of Los Angeles who stated that he did not necessarily want to be quoted on the material, but inasmuch as we decided early in the game to name our rumor sources if at all possible, we will give his name, but not list the sources he gave:

...Dr. Gee is no longer on this earth, besides some other well-known scientists who have mysteriously disappeared...Many contacts have been made and maybe more will come soon...We will soon go into another dimension and something startling will happen in way that the saucers warned about...Newton and associates were released from court on fraud trial, and are suing several people. Cohn's on the lam. A flying saucer took into it a V-2 rocket recently fired at White Sands...Scully's book is finished, but can't tell (?) for various reasons...Astronomers have known for years that there are 'cities' on the moon---a photo was taken of one almost 50 years ago (this rumor is supposed to be authored by Adamski) ...Government has had 'jet propelled' saucers for several years...A saucer was seen at Briggs AFB on February 9, '53 by FSI member who gave H.B. Miller complete details. ...Odd phenomena were seen and heard on February 8, 9, and 10, '53, over Yesler, Texas near Briggs at between 9 and 11 p.m.

There have been too many rumors flying around with no basis in fact so that one cannot draw any real conclusions from them. The rumor that there are cities on the moon and that they were photographed fif-

ty years ago is a very fantastic one to say the least. The two-hundred inch telescope was not in existence fifty years ago, and it would be doubtful that 'cities' could be seen with anything much less than the two-hundred inch. However, granting that the 100-inch scope could bring the supposed city into focus, the very idea of a city existing on the moon is ridiculous. Cosmic rays and meteorites which are the great danger of surface living on the moon would be the prohibitive factor. Therefore, the cities would have to be underground settlements, unless the beings who built them were of a type which cosmic rays and meteorites would not bother. Adamski, according to Miller, is the father of this statement about the moon's cities, and he is also the one who has stated that the occupants of the discs are as human as anyone. Not too long ago he stated that the 'spacemen' are walking among earthmen and could not be detected.

Now we ask, if they can do that, it should be comparatively easy to ferret out some open-minded and philosophical people (such as ourselves) to contact without going into all this hocus-pocus of running clear out to the desert to make a contact. A few more questions: Why make the witnesses keep at a distance of one mile? Why not have a select group of scientists, respectable people who would be believed by the general populace, as witnesses? Why not take pictures to publish in newspapers? If they want to make contact and let it be known that they exist and so forth, why not park those weird jobs of theirs all over the major cities of the country at a certain time each day for several days? That would be convincing, even to the extremely prejudiced and skeptical.

If they're making contact in order to issue an ultimatum or deliver some great message to the world it should be done openly to lend credence to the whole affair. Why pick on one man and give him a footprint as evidence, etc? It just doesn't add up.

The above questions are just a few to test the substance of these rumors floating so freely about these days. People like ourselves, with great curiosity and a determination to get to the bottom of this mystery have become so impatient at the lack of news about the discs that we are inclined to believe almost anything. ADIOS.

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and about 12 feet across, was a light grayish color and was lit up on the inside. Two places in the front somewhat resembled cockpits and were glassed over. I could see the light inside but could see no object in there. The back also had something resembling a cockpit with stained glass over it. Light was coming through this section but I could not see through it."

"The object was about eight or ten feet deep. The front sloped upward at the base at an angle of about 60 degrees and the back was sloped upward at an angle of 40 to 50 degrees. The sides came straight down from the top for maybe four or five feet and then sloped outwards and joined the base at about a 45 degree angle."

"Underneath the 'saucer' was something resembling a built-in wheel, with half the 'wheel' possibly three feet across, extending below the base in a crescent shape. There were no markings anywhere on it because I looked hard for some identification."

"There was no visible means of support for the object. It had no propeller; there were no exhaust fumes showing, no vapor trail and I could detect no unusual odor. It simply sat there and drifted along with a low humming sound as I ran around and around it getting just as good a look as I could. I watched it for at least 20 minutes, maybe as much as 30 minutes."

Booth said he yelled long and loudly so that his parents, or someone in the house would hear him and come out and see it, for he knew no one would believe him when he told his story. Then, in desperation, he fired his pistol straight up at the object at a distance of about 75 feet. He said: "I heard the bullet hit the object. It made a metallic sound and bounced off. A bare moment after the bullet hit, the object began making considerably more noise like a large electric motor, and took off at a high rate of speed at about a 65 degree angle. It kept that same course until it was completely out of sight."

He said the noise the object made when it took off could have been heard easily at his house if anyone had been listening for it. He said the noise was not loud like an aircraft of conventional design would make, however.

Booth said he was afraid of the thing, but his curiosity overruled, and he decided to investigate as much as possible.

Now, for Booth's character and ability as an observer. This must be taken into consideration for the first thing the skeptics scream is that a man who sees such a thing is

either an incompetent observer, or a hoaxer. Anyway, that's what they say if the old balloon, Venus or reflection theories can't apply.

The pastor of his church says that Booth is highly respected in his community, and that when he says he saw something, he did. Other Horry county citizens said: "Mr. Booth is a Christian man, does not drink, and would not misrepresent anything."

When a Civil Aeronautics Association spokesman suggested that Booth had been watching a blimp, Booth countered: "I have seen many blimps and I've even been in one. I'd certainly know a blimp when I saw one 80 feet over my head." He estimated the object's take-off speed at 700 mph.

Booth served in the anti-aircraft service during the last war, and has been drilled in aircraft identification of both enemy and Allied planes.

With this, we close the case of the Booth sighting until such time comes when more facts are available. We believe this is the first time so many facts have gotten out and this is probably due to the fact that the ATIC did not hear about the sighting until a week after it happened, and by then the papers throughout South Carolina had been full of the details.

HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA CATTLE DIE MYSTERIOUSLY**SAUCERS LIABLE?

A possible tie-up with the awe-inspiring sighting of a saucer by Lloyd C. Booth in Horry County, South Carolina is being given much thought by Horry residents.

During the three weeks prior to the Booth sightings, 18 cows had died in Horry County, with no obvious explanation readily available for their untimely deaths.

The FIELD, Conway weekly newspaper said that "All the cows have died instantaneously; some never even kicked. All have died from poisoning of a caustic nature. There have been no early symptoms and the cows simply have fallen over and died in an instant."

Booth said he doesn't know what to think about all the poisonings. He said he could detect no sign of poisonous smell or substance from the object he saw. He said a veterinarian has sent the stomachs of dead cattle to a laboratory for analysis, and that the results would not be ready for about ten days.

Two cows died of poisoning less than a mile from the sighted object a week before Booth saw it. Both cows were milked and fed the night before but were stone dead at milking time the next morning.

The FIELD also stated that the
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greatest number of hogs have died in the area in history, and some farmers have lost whole herds. One man alone reported losing 75 and they did not die of cholera.

Further news of the poisonings and the possible tie-in with the Horry County sightings will be carried in the next bulletin, as the facts become available.

SECOND SAUCER SIGHTING IN HORRY COUNTY STIRS POPULACE OF S. C.

On February 14th, Arthur Marlowe of rte. 4, Loris, South Carolina was awakened by dog-barking and horse braying. From his window he said, he saw so much light he thought his barn was on fire. Outside he said he saw light from an object 70 feet above the ground. This is what he reported:

"Three cylindrical beams of light were coming from the object, so bright he said he could read fine print 100 yards from the 'thing.' He had his gun and started to shoot the object. The Loris SENTINEL reports: 'He decided not to, hoping that it might settle to the ground. If it did land he planned to get some dynamite out of his barn, slip up to it and perhaps damage the object so that he could have some proof of what he saw.'

"The object was about as long as a boxcar and was oval shaped, he said, and he watched it for 25 minutes, then it moved gradually to the west, the noise getting louder and louder."

Marlowe said he found one of his hogs dead on the spot over which the object had hovered 14 hours earlier. He said the sow was lying down with her legs folded underneath so that at first he thought she was resting or asleep. There was no sign of struggle, the sow's nose was pushed slightly into the dirt and pieces of the rye from the pasture were in her mouth. He said the sow had apparently been in good health up until that time.

Marlowe also said that another man had lost a horse two days earlier without signs of a death struggle, with grass in it's mouth.

HORRY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSES REWARD FOR UNDAIMAGED SAUCER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

The Columbia STATE daily carried the following news item underneath the story of Marlowe and Booth's reports of sightings of flying discs:

"A \$1,000 reward for the capture of a flying saucer 'undamaged' and 'intact' was proposed in the General Assembly yesterday.

Rep. Buck of Horry and others introduced a resolution to pay the reward. Members of the General Assembly would not be eligible for it.

In a preamble, the resolution said:

"Citizens have been aroused and plagued by the presence of a certain ghost-like and unconventional type of aircraft commonly known as a flying saucer, which has been sneakingly hovering over the state. Many individuals have claimed to have seen and in some instances, have been attacked by these monstrosities and have described them minutely and have elaborated on their design in detail. The vast majority of the citizens of this state have doubted the authenticity of the presence of these monsters over the state. Then General Assembly desires to remove all doubts and inconsistencies relating to this unusual aircraft."

EVALUATION OF S.C. DISC SIGHTINGS

The January 29th sighting of an unusual object over the barn of Lloyd C. Booth can, in all probability be believed as 'gospel', taking into consideration the character of the observer. His sighting was the beginning, so it seems, of a myriad of sightings.

Inasmuch as the object which Booth watched had no visible means of propulsion, left no vapor trail and made very little noise it can be assumed that the thing was no conventional aircraft, and by Booth's own statement we can assume that he can tell a blimp when he sees one.

This is one sighting which will not, no matter how one tries, fit the Venus, balloon, misconception of conventional aircraft, or atmospheric phenomena or astronomical phenomena theories which have been offered by various and sundry "authorities" (authorities on what?) to date. So what is it?

Obviously the only avenue left to the skeptics is character assassination, and that would be discounted by the character endorsements of Booth's fellow citizens, who knew him better than anyone, even better than the "authorities."

There have been several reports throughout the world in the last year which seem to indicate that the discs are becoming bold enough to attempt landing, or actually land. Certainly, the discs have changed their tactics from long-range, high-altitude observation and are coming down for a closer look at what we have to offer.

With the upcoming inner conjunction of the planet Venus, there may be a higher rate of saucer sightings according to some people. The only thing that can be done is to patiently wait for more developments and the way the tide is turning, really big news dealing with the discs may be coming up. Hot Dog! *****

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passage from the Bible is indicative of some kind of alien life having visited earth, but reading further on in the book, it is difficult to theorize that the behavior of these beings could be in any way related to the saucers of today which have never (as far as we know) shown any signs of hostility. Ezechiel tells of them instructing him to commit various and sundry forms of murder, perversion and sadism, with no apparent rational motive underlying the commands.

A clipping on file (which is our contribution, no doubt) which has no date, tells of how pilots in Tokyo adamantly differed with 'experts' as to whether they saw what they saw when they reported flying ferris wheels over Japan recently. The Air Force first released the report, then attempted to write it off as electrical phenomena and which could be tracked by radar and appear to be almost a solid object. They neglect to say, however, how the pilots could make visual sightings of the things, and how those things could pace, then run away when pursued. It looks like radar isn't worth a tinker's dam and with every new saucer report it is found that radar will track anything---from washtubs to spiders' webs. Must be some other instrument which would be more dependable for our defense network.

The TORONTO DAILY STAR and various other large newspapers in Canada and the States carried artistic conceptions of the flying discs, etc., in connection with a Canadian-built disc which will go 1,500 mph, horizontally, and utilize the gyroscopic principle of a revolving power plant to acquire stability in flight. This report looks good, but reading farther down into the article shows that the papers are up to their old tricks---namely, sucking in those readers who habitually only scan the headlines, and forget about the rest of the article. For the article states that it is still in the category of pure research, and that one Air Ministry official stated that "This craft is so revolutionary that if (if, mind you!) it flies, everything now in the air becomes obsolete." (Editor's note: Canadian member investigating saucer reports admitted that he had been warned off. This would seem to substantiate the rumor that Canada does have some super-secret project under wraps, but since the 16th century? Phooey!)

Milwaukee Journal, February 11, 1953. "PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN NOW FOR SPACE JOURNEYS, ADVICE" is the head on an article with no by-line advising the populace that John Sternig, astronomer for Northwest-

ern U. and assistant supervisor of schools at Glencoe, Illinois stated at a meeting of the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development that youngsters should be prepared for the facts of a space travel age they will face.

STAG, for April, 1953, gives a blow-by-blow account of scoutmaster Des Vergers' encounter with a saucer in August last year. One of our members investigated this sighting by letter, using connections he had made during the war, and got as much information as is given by the author, George X. Sand, and a little more. Out of this whole affair, if one question could be answered, (and we believe Des Vergers knows the answer) the six years of waiting would be worthwhile. That query is: Where in time was Des Vergers during the hour and a half from the time he saw the saucer, and the time he was found walking aimlessly along the road, obviously in a state of shock? We have a good idea---and you? D.'s flashlight being found buried in the ground up to the lens may be quite an important factor and seems to strike some chord of disharmony in our mind, but as is often the case, it is an inexplicable feeling of half-knowledge and cannot be probed. The smell as of rotten eggs or burned flesh figures in, too. Des Vergers, when talking to reporters before being silenced by W-P men, said that there were 'beings' in that thing who were just as afraid of him as he was of them. That would seem to cancel out Adamski's and a few other individuals' contentions that the saucer pilots are so much like humans that they could and indeed have mingled among us. Who to believe? Again we caution---a grain of salt swallowed along with all these savory concoctions will serve to prevent a lot of misery later in the game.

Received from Orfeo Angelucci, of Los Angeles, a 1-page brochure claiming that a tabloid-form sheet of 8 pages will explain the discs, their occupants, etc., all for the price of 15¢ at 20th Century Times, 2931 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Several members have notified headquarters that they have been recipients of this pre-publication advertisement, and some are puzzled as to where their names were obtained. This is one of the reasons that APRO has not divulged membership numbers or lists. For many of APRO's members are interested in the research involved and entertain very conservative ideas. Therefore, they would be almost scandalized by any attempt to force upon them any such an unorthodox explanation of the discs.

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PRODUCT ENGINEERING for October 1952 carried an article titled "Cool Weather Chills Flying Saucer Reports" and which does a general review of Air Force utterances including the balloon, etc., theories all too familiar to old hands like ourselves. Rather an unbiased article for a magazine such as PRO-DUCT ENGINEERING, it does a very good job of giving both sides of the story. Has anyone noticed that we are not on the defensive so much anymore, and that the struggle seems to be more between interplanetary theorists and those advocating the various other theories? Also, those who become convinced of the outer space theory never change their minds, but rather are getting more new converts every day.

The book review section of SCIENCE *FICTION PLUS does a good review of Menzel's book, entitled "Flying Saucers--- The Opposition." It announced that Menzel has applied his theories to strong, well-authenticated sightings. Well, we will read it, and find out whether the application of his theory really is convincing.

In the same magazine, Dr. Gustav Albrecht, mentions saucers in passing in his article on "Rapid Wonder Plants." Quote: "It is somewhat sad that cameras were not as well developed in Professor Grunspann's time---he might have died a happier man. It is also regrettable that scientists as a class were no skeptical then. Scientists today realize that anything is possible, whether SchusseYuccas or extra-terrestrial flying saucers--particularly when reported by trained and reliable observers and accompanied by good photographs." Unquote.

WEST VIRGINIA GREEN MONSTER MAY BE "MOON SHIP"

In November, an APRO member conducted an extensive investigation into the Green Monster incident which took place in West Virginia last September. When all facts were assembled, they seemed to indicate that APRO had stumbled onto some very hush-hush government secret project. Since then, more and different facts have come to light which should be most interesting to all members. It may serve as a guide in the future where the AF is encountered in any specific sighting. The planted evidence that the thing seen in West Virginia was actually part of the U.S.'s space-platform program was in actuality an attempt by the Air Force to quell hysteria by planting insinuating facts, and it succeeded.

We have withheld the above information believing that if the "monster" was really a military secret weapon, we would be benefiting our-

selves by keeping quiet about it. Inasmuch as we cannot be the judge as to whether either premise is correct, and also holding that any and all information gathered under the name of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization should belong to the members collectively, we have given this information to you in fulfillment of our promise to each other to do a cooperative job.

However, in the light of the immensity of this knowledge, we would like to ask that the members do not speak freely of the possibility that this sighting may be evidence that the United States has begun work on an artificial satellite program, and if any discussion takes place at all, please do it on a purely speculative basis not referring to this organization as being the source of any information dealing with the affair.

We would like to reaffirm that although at first we were convinced that the Monster was a rocketship, we are not so inclined now. In other words, the thing seen in West Virginia was probably some kind of alien creature, the origin of which can only be speculated upon.

SAUCERS AND HUMOR

A card, received by the N.D. from a man supposedly a friend of the family, bore this supposedly cute legend: Not many reports of flying crockery around lately--- either people have changed their way of thinking, or their drinking. ---The Old Sourdough.

(Where he dug that one up is beyond us, but he'd better bury it again as it has a suspicious smell.

BOOK REVIEWS, in Science-Fiction Plus, deals with the work of John Robinson, namely, THE UNIVERSE WE LIVE IN. Robinson strikes a body-blow to the theory that the planet Venus may be a dust-bowl instead of a cloud-onshrouded planet. The N. D. has never swallowed the dust-bowl theory, and as far back as four years ago stated her belief that Venus could very easily be capable of supporting 'life as we know it'. Here are her reasons for that belief: Seventy miles above the earth, the atmosphere contains no oxygen or water vapor at all, and the atmosphere is almost 100% hydrogen, an entirely unbreathable and highly inflammable gas. At 60,000 feet, there is ozone in large doses. Spectrographic examination of the upper atmosphere of the planet Venus reveals no water vapor or oxygen. If the Venusians take it for granted that the earth is uninhabited because of the upper atmosphere, they'll never discover us, and if we continue in our narrowminded view that our scant examinations are right, we're lost, too.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

The first few sightings will be old sightings which just came to our attention.

CUBA---Santa Clara doctor, very fond of hunting, withheld his name but told the following story: On one occasion he left very early at dawn in his jeep. When he came to a place known as Tapa de Callantes, he saw something flat and round sitting in a clearing, but couldn't make out what it was due to the darkness and the distance. When he came closer he saw it was some kind of metal vessel and as he came still nearer, his motor suddenly went dead. Frightened, he took hold of one of his guns, but the saucer thing just took off with a sort of humming noise and great brilliance. Five minutes after it had disappeared, he could start his jeep again 'not to stop', he said, 'until I could put the next distance between myself and the place where I saw this strange phenomena. I don't know where it came from nor where it went.' (translation).

CUBA---MONSTER SIGHTING. A country woman was in the fields and she saw what she described as a manlike being who was green and nearly 7 feet tall. She said he was wearing an odd costume and had some sort of apparatus around his waist from which emanated some strong smelling gas. She declared that the creature spoke to her in a strange language, and the only word she could make out was Tierra (earth), then she fainted, claiming that she did not know whether it was from fear or from the effect of the gas.

March, 1952. The Air Force revealed on January 27, 1953 that an eight-inch disc buzzed a F-84 Thunderjet over northern Japan on March 29th, 1952. Bright, cloudless day, disc seen by Lt. David Brigham of Rockford, Ill. who was piloting reconnaissance craft. He said it was very thin, round, shiny as polished chromium, with no apparent projections and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails. It caught up with F-84, he observed it from 30-50 feet for about 10 seconds. Air Force said it made controlled, sweeping pass, but offered no evaluation. The object traveling 30-40 mph faster than F-84 which was doing 160 mph. Brigham: "It closed rapidly and just before it would have flown into his fuselage it decelerated to his airspeed almost instantaneously. In doing so, it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90 degree bank. Then it fluttered within 20 feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away

and around his starboard wing, (appearing to flip once as it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank)." Then it passed him, crossed in front of him and pulled up abruptly appearing to accelerate, and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb."

"An unusual slight characteristic was a slow fluttering motion. It rocked back and forth at approximately 40 degree banks at approximately one second intervals throughout its course. When it pulled away, it did so more sharply than a plane could have done. Its maneuvering throughout was always clear and concise."

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Large meteor of unusual brilliance seen by several persons (no date), reported by Prof. Chas. H. Smiley, Brown U. astronomer. Several reported it as resembling a 'roman candle', 'rocket about to explode with a tail of white sparks', a 'welder's arc', and about 'eight times as bright as Sirius.' Seen at 10:35 p. m. One observer said it looked large as blowing ball, blue-white in color and seemed to fall to south of him. Smiley said it must have been a 'good fireball'---might have been 100 miles away.

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, Oct. 26. Three people in Freeling saw object size of dinner plate travelling south to north at high speed at 11 p.m. Changed color from red to green and appeared to be spinning. Visible for several seconds. Seen in three different places. Gov't astronomer Mr. Dedwell, said object probably a large meteor. Gilberton woman, Mrs. E. C. Rix of Edwin Terrace reported she saw ball of light above St. Peters or Norwood district about 11:15 p.m. 'Electric blue in color, seemed to be travelling very slowly at low altitude.' Camden man reported a pale blue, round object fell directly over him from south to north.

WINNIPEG, MAN. Nov. 24. Canadian Air Force yesterday gave saucers permission to land at nearby Stevenson Field. The go-ahead came after radio stations and newspaper offices reported a flood of telephone calls reporting seeing 'brightly illuminated flying saucer'---zooming at high speeds over the city. RCAF spokesman said staff at airport control 'have not seen a thing, but if saucers are around they have official permission to land any time they wish.'

EDMONTON, ALTA., Nov. 29. Fred Clark of Foot Hills Tank and Pipe-

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line co. reported he and his wife and granddaughter saw odd craft while out for afternoon drive. Told his story to Dan Boyce, editor of Fairview weekly. "Believing it to be a helicopter we stopped to watch it, only to find that it was not a helicopter. The craft was shaped like a boot and shone very brilliantly in the sun. We were looking at it from a distance of possibly half a mile. Then we drove about one quarter mile to where we could see the strange craft from a different angle. From this point we could see circular-shaped discs protruding from the main point of the craft on an arm that appeared to be no more than a couple of feet long. The craft had no propeller or jets of any kind visible. The shiny body appeared to be a mass of contouring curves. It had remained perfectly stationary despite a strong west wind for 6 or 7 minutes. It started off without a sound and disappeared over the horizon within a time of 15 seconds. It moved fast, if not faster than any plane I have ever seen."

MONTREAL, CAN. Dec. 5, 1953. W. F. Garnahn, of Montreal said that when approaching Central Station at 3:45 p.m. he saw two boys looking at sky. "I stopped and looked, too, and four shining objects flashed in and out of sight as they turned in the sunlight." I have had 6,000 flying hours and am sure they were not planes. If they were Sabre jets they would have been at 5,000 feet. If North Stars, at 8,000 feet. And they took tight turns; a Sabre's turning arc is a mile. They flow alongside one another but occasionally one would dart ahead of the others at terrific speed." Garahn said he watched phenomena for about 6 minutes. They were south of Central Station about over Victoria Bridge, he said. Mrs. Donald MacCallum was shopping with seven-year-old son, saw about five objects which 'simply weren't airplanes.' She described them as very bright circular objects with 'rings around them.' She said they were not going very fast but clouds interfered with her vision. Large number of school children at intersection of Sherbrooke and Clarke saw them also.

MONROE, LOUISIANA, January 18, 1953. Ten motorists reported to police that they watched strange object at night. Cigar-shaped, they said, colored red and white--flow along about 100 feet above the earth for several minutes before it suddenly threw out a vapor trail and zipped away.

JAN. 22---AF announces sighting of clusters of red, white and green lights over northern Japan by American Airmen on Dec. 29, 1953. No added details since last Bulletin.

CONWAY, S. C. Jan. 29. Storekeeper shoots at saucer. See page one.

VANCOUVER, B. C. Jan. 29. Bill Boss, Canadian press war correspondent announced flying saucers no longer joke to him. After stating that 'there is more to this than we all thought, he said, "Possibly it is significant that saucer stories always appear over Western places of strategic interest, like northern Japan or Texas, but never where satellite forces are committed." "It looks like a Russian experiment?" a reporter asked. "It looks like a Russian accomplishment," Boss replied. (another authority?)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Jan. 29, 1953. Marine officials reported a fiery disc-like object streaked across sky over L.A. area and outsped a Marine Corps jet interceptor plane that was sent up to pursue. Giving off orange light, the object raced from Long Beach to El Toro, back toward Long Beach and then to Riverside. First spotted NE of Long Beach Municipal Airport shortly after 10 p.m. CST by Edward S. Downs, control tower operator. He said object appeared to be a mile away at 1,000 feet. It moved fast, climbing slightly and disappeared. Marine pilot Maj. Harvey Patton, approaching El Toro Marine Air Base for landing 10 minutes later was asked by tower there to investigate large disc-shaped object flying low near field. He spotted object and gave chase back toward coast, but it outsped him. Patton: "It looked something like a jet exhaust. We had to turn back after a few minutes when I ran out of fuel." Minutes after Patton lost sight of the object, a similar one was spotted from March Air Force Base tower near Riverside, where it vanished behind nearby mountains. Downs and Henry Willis, another LB tower operator both said object visible for several minutes and appeared travelling at high speed.

CHERRY POINT, N.C. Feb. 19, 1953. Marine pilot chased glowing object through skies at more than 500 mph tonight. Cherry Point Marine information spokesman said, "It's the first time we've had anything that comes close to being anything to release." Norfolk Naval Air station alerted Marine Lt. Edward Balocco to watch for the object sighted from ground. Balocco, 24-yr.-old pilot from Antioch, Calif. with more than 1,000 hours flying time, was flying at 20,000 feet near Edenton, N.C. when alerted. Proceeding toward Cherry Point he sighted what looked like an airplane with red lights. "It appeared to be below me. What caused me to look back at the light was the

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fact that it moved from below me 10,000 feet vertically in a matter of "seconds", Belocco said. He estimated that the object was about 10 miles from him. Belocco reported that suddenly he began catching up to the object as if it were waiting for him, the spokesman said. Then again, it speeded up.

February 12, 1953. Glowing object (red) observed over Kensington near Washington, D. C. (Frank Edwards Broadcast, no further details).

Sonoma Cty, Calif. Feb. 12, 1953. Seven persons notified sheriff they had seen red-tailed flying saucers in the sky. Mrs. Chas. Thompson of Santa Rosa said the thing she saw had red, streaming tail, green in the middle, and white at the nose. She said it was real shiny, looked to be a foot long, and was fish-shaped. Neighbor Ruth Jenson corroborated her description. Said they watched it for half hour while it occasionally made slow turns, moving slowly all the while. Hamilton AFB jets already in air on training flight sent to investigate, found nothing. Deputies and patrolmen from Sonoma county sheriff's office joined in search, said they were too late to see anything. Sightings made shortly after 6 p.m.

MONROE, WIS., Feb. 13, 1953. Object sighted moving west to east, rising high and dipping lower. Described by sheriff Deininger as looking like a balloon which kept revolving and alternately showing red, green and white lights. Object disappeared after watchers studied it for more than two hours. Deininger checked with Trux Field in Madison, was told radar equipment there did not register anything. Nothing visible except the lights, no noise audible. GOC observers said that when first seen, lights moved more rapidly and erratically than later. Madison weather bureau said Friday if the object was weather balloon it was not from Madison. Weather balloons, according to the bureau, carry only white lights. Also said it may have been General Mills experimental balloon, for such balloons might carry regular navigation lights like airplane. (Compare this sighting to Sturgeon Bay sighting of February 21st.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Feb. 13, 1953. At 4 a. m. Berkeley citizen called sheriff's office, said mysterious light had streaked from behind Berkeley hills and was hovering in the sky. Sgt. on duty looked out, saw the light, said it was only bright star. Then it began to move at about speed of airplane. Watchers from Berkeley, Emeryville and the Highway patrol saw the 'star' disappear over the

Golden Gate. Officer on duty at bridge spotted it moving from the east at the same time. J. A. Morgan, at the bridge, said, "It came over Alcatraz, then directly over my head and went west and disappeared over the horizon. It all took just a minute." Civil and military authorities reported no aircraft up in that area at that time. About an hour later Berkeley police officer saw similar light hovering, then it suddenly took off at high speed and disappeared after passing Alameda and Hunter's point, over southern end of the Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14, 1953. Residents of the Bay area watched an amber light covort about the skies. Checks on balloons and aircraft proved it wasn't either. It looked like a round 'bulb' or 'ball', amber colored, changing at times to silver, at heights generally estimated to be between 3,000 and 10,000 feet up. Fred Peterson, toll collector at the Golden Gate bridge said, "I saw it first at 5:55 p.m., and for 5 minutes thereafter, a round white light that made big, slow circles in the sky just above China Beach. It wasn't too high, but higher than the bridge towers. It was amber colored, changing to silver at times. Following report called to filter center by GOC observers: "Object sight: Round. Color: Black with silver. Behavior: Went straight up and down, also circling. Estimated altitude: 10,000 feet. Characteristics: Two flicking vapor trails, definitely not jet type. Sound: Deep throb. Position: Directly overhead. First sighted 5:58 p.m. Length of sighting: Twenty-four minutes. Weather clear, visibility unlimited. Professor Otto Struve, chairman of the department of astronomy at U. C. said, "We're sure these 'saucers' people see are not space ships from outer space." "It is impossible, he said, to have intelligent human beings on any of the planets of the solar system except earth. "Speculating broadly, there is a possibility that intelligent human beings are on other planets on other solar systems---but if they do exist, the nearest would be fifty million light years away." (Study this man's statement carefully.)

LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA, Feb. 14, 1953. Arthur Marlowe sees saucer hovering at 75 to 80 feet. Story with Booth story on page one.

BELGRADE, Feb. 16, 1953. Flying saucers seen at Belgrade. Seen at varying heights and travelling at various speeds. Belgrade radio said later saucers made by Yugoslav AF Construction Institute as (Con't next page, Col. 1)

experiment. Measured about 40 inches across, weighed about 4½ lbs., radio controlled, the broadcast said. No mention of how the saucers were powered.

OTTAWA, CAN., Feb. 16, 1953. In statement on Canadian aircraft production in House of Commons, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce was carefully noncommittal on subject of flying saucers and whether they are developed in Canada. Howe: "This is a subject on which I can say very little without compromising military security." Assured House that "we are constantly studying new concepts and designs. In doing so, we are anxious to examine designs which are available to us from other countries. However, we have what we consider a good design and development organization at A.V. Roe and naturally will not overlook their talents." Howe evidently referring to reports of previous week that work towards production of flying saucer type aircraft under way at A.V. Roe plant at Malton.

LONDON, ENGLAND, Feb. 20, 1953. British medical magazine Lancet produced a stranger than ever theory of flying saucers---they may be just bubbles from mother wash tub. Article discussing 'strange objects in sky said housewives' use of detergents might be responsible. Soap goes down the drain, stuck together and becomes a layer of foam at sewage plant. Then sharp wind carries the suds to the sky. There, said, Lancet, was a flying saucer. (Lancet's Soap Opera---get it?)

BLACK CREEK, WIS. Feb. 18, 1953. Otto Papke and F. E. Lindgren of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. told of seeing odd lights standing motionless in sky near Black Creek. Papke and Lindgren were driving to Sturgeon Bay on highway 54 just west of Black Creek when Lindgren noticed the lights in the sky. Papke, who then looked at the lights described them as being 'a bank of lights which resembled radio beacons. They were red, green, and white, but they couldn't recall exact number--5 or 6. Kept constantly blinking, two at a time, had round shape, were very bright. Condition of sky and weather: Very clear, starry sky no wind. Made no noise, hovered without any motion. Time: between 9 and 10 p.m. Said Papke: "I'm very familiar with planes and balloons but this was unlike anything I had ever seen. We had it in sight for five minutes, passed directly under while we drove along highway at 60 mph., heading east."

STURGEON BAY, WIS., Bright light which turned red, faint green, white sighted by seven S. B. residents. Venus and Jupiter clearly visible, object 15 degrees from horizon in

west. Filter center at Green Bay notified, they said (unofficially--refused information to papers later) they spotted it, saw it change color. Seen at 20 elevation in East by filter center personnel at 9:40 p.m. At same time light at 5 degree elevation in west as seen from Sturgeon Bay, heading into 32 mph gale. Watched from Green Bay and seen to rise in East, then turn south, and fade out. Next day local shipyard owner spotted Venus and gave out the story the 7 people had seen Venus. It was duly published in local rag as Venus, even though two of seven original sighters are employed by radio station owned by paper. Boat builder former sailor, calls himself authority on astronomy, probably looked up his data on Venus from a reference book at the library. A lot of people, including N.D. who was notified and viewed the thing, are plenty mad!

ELKHORN, WIS. Feb. 23, 1953. An Elkhorn family, Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Hilton (saucer skeptics) saw a strange moving light at 9:30 p.m. Seen in West, looked like bright orange star, changed to lighter color, going to red, then lighter again. Hiltons driving from Lake Geneva to Elkhorn, when they reached a point 2 miles south of Elkhorn, light started moving northward, appeared to pick up speed and disappeared into north moving in a straight line. Hilton: "I have laughed at these reports of mysterious things in sky and have always felt those who reported them had vivid imaginations. Perhaps we saw some thing other folks have seen in the past." Radar base south of Elkhorn contacted, no reports of light received at that point. Hilton sent diagrams to APRO headquarters. According to diagrams, he did see something, and not Venus or Jupiter, either.

STURGEON BAY, WIS. Feb. 25, 1953. Patricia Neuville, 14, freshman in high school, saw object in field of neighbor which she reported to N.D. She was home alone that night, and while sitting in lighted living room, glanced out (7:30) saw what appeared to be a fire burning in field about two blocks East and kindergarten from her home. She went into her bedroom which was dark, in order to get a better view and said the object was more clear from there. Did not appear like a fire, no flames, more like flaming egg standing on one end. During time she watched it (7:30-8:30) it 'went out' twice. She did not watch it constantly, however. She did notice that it went out the second time while a car was passing. She lives on main highway, and wondered why (Can't next page, C.D.L.)

car did not stop. Describing the thing 'going out', she said it just diminished in size and brilliance, was out between 5 and 10 seconds, then started, grew in size until it was original size and intensity.

It did not move at all---no wobbling despite high ground wind. The thing was on or close to ground and silhouetted against trees of an orchard. The thing would have been hidden from approaching cars by two very large advertising signs, until they became even with it. N.D. went down, paced off the distance, found no tracks, no melted snow, and no burned debris or ashes. What was it? Incidentally, the Neuville family do not believe in the supernatural, flying saucers, etc., only reported it because Patricia's science teacher told her to report it to someone who deals in those things.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Feb. 25. Shiny, transparent object looking like giant soap bubble parked over S.F. from 3 p.m. until sunset. Seen by thousands in San Francisco, Marin, East Bay and the peninsula. Inspected by Air Force plane and found to be weather balloon.

YUMA, ARIZON, (Frank Edwards broadcast, March 10, 1953) Twenty Air Force officers and men reported watching 6 silvery discs at high altitude maneuvering in sharp turns beyond capacity of men, and at fantastic speed. No more details.

And so we end our sightings for this 8 week period. Saucers seem to be few and far between at the present, but we believe we can expect the usual big spring epidemic as soon as the weather is better. Keep sending them in---we'll keep printing them.

Because we have a column and a third left open and nothing special to put into it, we decided to have a little informal chitchat about the current trend as far as the Wide Blue Yonder boys and the saucer mystery is concerned.

In February the Air Force released the details of the sighting of an 8-inch disc over northern Japan in March of 1952. The way the thing was worded, anyway, we can assume that the object was controlled, yet had no visible means of propulsion, was obviously metal, guided by an intelligent mind. This object could not have been a balloon, Venus, a mirage, light inversion reflection, or hallucination, unless, of course, the young men who sighted the thing is incapable of intelligent observation. If that is assumed, then we must assume that the standards of the United States Army are not too high. And if we arrive at that

conclusion, we had better start shaking in our boots, for our defensive forces are sadly disintegrating. We had better take the obvious course, then, and realize that the Air Force made the announcement for a purpose. Remember, there was no evaluation or explanation of the thing offered.

And so now we can start assuming again. By what was offered in that press release, we can assume that the Air Force threw out that bit of scrumptious bait for the purpose of testing the attitude of the public. Heretofore, they have always offered some kind of explanation of these sightings of unidentified aerial objects, no matter how illogical or hackneyed the explanation was.

In the near future we can expect many of the sightings made by men of the armed forces to be publicized to a certain degree.

Of course, those scientists who have stuck to their light inversion guns (that's a good one for science fiction, huh?) will continue to stick, because they're stuck with them. The theory is a good one for the general public because it is one that cannot actually be disproved. Take for an instance, a saucer is sighted over a town where there is an airport and a radar base nearby. It can be fairly easily established that there was or was not balloons, jets, or airplanes in the sky at the time. It can be established, also that the object was or was not picked up on radar. Therefore, it can be proven rather conclusively that the thing seen was not a balloon, prop-driven craft or a jet. But how in tartanation can anyone prove it was or was not a light inversion? If the atmospheric conditions are co-pisthetic to light inversion reflections, it still cannot be definitely proven that the object was a reflection, for one would have to comb the area for miles to find which light was pointed skyward, or reflecting off what shiny object which deflected it skward. See what we mean? But these jokers who insist that the discs, when spotted by radar when temperature inversion layers are not present, are the ones who ire us. The N.D.'s husband is an electronics man, knows radar. He says there's a lot of skulduggery going on---and that is evidenced by the vehement denials given out by the radar technicians who watched the famous 'Washington blips' on their radar scopes.

The picture is far from clear as yet, but so far the only logical explanation of the whole fouled up mess is that these discs are actually some kind of interplanetary or interstellar craft.*****